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EXDIS, FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO NIGERIA

REF: LAGOS 2030

1. YOU SHOULD TELL THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT THAT WE APPRECIATE ITS AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT CARTER DURING THE DATES WE HAVE DISCUSSED.

2. AFTER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE WHITE HOUSE, NSC AND STATE DEPARTMENT, THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE IS PROPOSED FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31:

10:05 PM - ARRIVE LAGOS, NIGERIA (CLOSED ARRIVAL)

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SATURDAY, APRIL 1:

10:00 AM -WELCOMING CEREMONY

11:00 AM - BILATERALS

12:30 PM - DEPART TO STATE HOUSE MARINA

12:45 PM - ARRIVE STATE HOUSE MARINA AND HAVE PRIVATE LUNCH.

2:00 PM - SPEECH - STATE HOUSE MARINA

4:00 PM - DEDICATE NEW EMBASSY
5:00 PM - FREE TIME
7:30 PM - STATE DINNER
10:30 PM - RON

SUNDAY, APRIL 2:

9:15 AM - DEPART STATE HOUSE MARINA
10:00 AM - ARRIVE AIRPORT - DEPART TO KANO
11:20 AM - ARRIVE KANO
12:00 PM - LUNCH WITH SULTAN
1:30 PM - DURBAR
3:30 PM - DEPART KANO
4:50 PM - ARRIVE LAGOS
5:30 PM - FREE TIME

MONDAY, APRIL 3:

8:00 AM - DEPART STATE HOUSE MARINA
9:00 AM - DEPART LAGOS

3. THE DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS IN KANO WHICH YOU SET
FORTH IN LAGOS 2030 DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY MENTION OF A
DURBAR. YOU SHOULD CONFIRM THAT EVENT IS STILL PLANNED.
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UNIVERSITY NOR KADAWA LOOK POSSIBLE.

4. MRS. CARTER'S PROGRAM WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A
SEPARATE MESSAGE.

5. PRE-ADVANCE: (1) WE HAVE NOT ESTABLISHED A DEFINITE
DATE FOR THE PRE-ADVANCE BUT EXPECT TO DEPART ANDREWS AFB
FOR CARACAS MARCH 12 OR 13. (2) IN ADDITION TO PRE-
ADVANCE PARTY, WE PLAN TO
BRING LEAD ADVANCE PERSONNEL (5-8 PERSONS) WHO WILL
DROP OFF IN LAGOS AND WORK THROUGH THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.
(3) REQUEST THAT BOTH PHOTOGRAPHS AND DIAGRAMS OF ALL
SITES BE READY FOR USE BY PRE-ADVANCE TEAM. DIAGRAMS
MAY BE SKETCHES AND SHOULD SHOW THE DETAILS OF THE
PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED MOVEMENTS; FOR EXAMPLE, ARRIVAL
SKETCH WOULD SHOW MOTORCADE ARRIVAL, GREETING PARTY,
POSITION FOR REMARKS, LOCATION OF PRESS, ETC.

6. ACCOMMODATIONS: THE FOLLOWING ARE PROJECTIONS OF OUR
ROOM NEEDS BASED ON OUR JUST COMPLETED FOREIGN TRIP.

(A) PRE-ADVANCE: THE VISIT OF THE PRE-ADVANCE WILL

REQUIRE A TOTAL OF ABOUT 68 ROOMS, 50 ROOMS FOR PRE-ADVANCE AND LEAD ADVANCE PERSONS, AND 18 ROOMS FOR AIR

FORCE CREW. THE CREW HAS REQUESTED THAT THEY BE HOUSED WITH PARTY. WE ASSUME THIS WILL BE IN EKO HOLIDAY INN.

(B) ADVANCE: ARRIVALS OF ADVANCE PERSONNEL WILL BE STAGGERED OVER THE 10-14 DAY PERIOD PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL. ANTICIPATE ROUGHLY 100 ROOMS FOR ADVANCE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING PRESIDENTIAL AND PRESS ADVANCE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, FIRST LADY'S ADVANCE, WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS, AIR FORCE ADVANCE, STATE DEPARTMENT SECURITY, STATE SECRETARIAT ADVANCE, STATE ADMINISTRATIVE ADVANCE. DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS THEY ARE SECRET

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AVAILABLE.

(C) ACTUAL VISIT: (1) ANTICIPATE NEED FOR TOTAL OF 70 ROOMS FOR TRAVELING PARTY ON AIR FORCE ONE AND BACKUP PLANES, AND TOTAL OF 36 ROOMS FOR CREWS OF THESE AIRCRAFT. (2) FOR PRESS, PRESS STAFF AND AIRPLANE CREWS OF TWO PRESS CHARTER AIRCRAFT, REQUIRE TOTAL OF 250 ROOMS.

(D) TOTAL ESTIMATED REQUIREMENT OF 450 ROOMS FOR NIGHT OF 28TH.

(E) YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT NETWORK PERSONNEL MAKING PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS AND ARRIVING SEPARATELY WILL NEED UP TO 50 ROOMS AND MAY REQUEST EMBASSY ASSISTANCE.

7. YOU WILL NOTE FROM PARAGRAPH 2 THAT WE HAVE INDICATED AT 4:00 P.M. THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW EMBASSY. WOULD YOU GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE ADVISABILITY OF THIS EVENT AS WELL AS AMPLIFYING YOUR SUGGESTION ABOUT A ROAD CONSTRUCTION SITE. WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN EVENT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MEDIA. YOU SHOULD NOT DISCUSS THIS EVENT WITH THE NIGERIANS AS WE MAY WISH TO KEEP THE TIME FREE. VANCE

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